



# Gsef

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AND SOLIDARITY  
ECONOMY FORUM

**1 - 6 May 2023**

## **Innovation Village Presentation**

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# PRESENTATION

After Seoul (2013 and 2014), Montreal (2016), Bilbao (2018) and Mexico City (2021), the **city of Dakar** will host the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum (GSEF Dakar 2023), from **1 to 6 May 2023**. It will be co-organised with the **Network of Stakeholders and Local Authorities for SSE**, in partnership with the **Senegal Ministry of Microfinance and SSE**.

The Global Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) Forum is a major international SSE meeting, held every other year and bringing together all SSE stakeholders to share practices, policies and visions to build a more inclusive, equitable, mutually supportive and human-centred world.

**GSEF DAKAR 2023's** main theme is: *the transition from the 'informal' economy to collective, sustainable economies for territories*. It will bring together between 3,500 and 4,500 people from nearly 100 countries and be structured around seven themes and three special events devoted to young people and women.

The 2023 edition of GSEF in Dakar provides the opportunity to promote an economy adapted to our realities and which encourages job creation aimed at young people and women through the social and solidarity approach.

It will showcase programmes and initiatives relating to our economies' various activity sectors and to a set of innovative ways of providing accompaniment in the service of social inclusion and sustainable growth to support the most vulnerable members of society.

The Forum thus wishes to be a mechanism for the development of an inclusive, fair economy and a catalyst for change. It will provide an opportunity to advocate an African position with respect to the social and solidarity economy and to present an alternative development model, boosting job creation and encouraging the numerous initiatives promoted by young people and women, emphasising training and innovation.

Our ambition for this 6<sup>th</sup> edition is to open new development prospects and new opportunities with the different stakeholders from the SSE ecosystem from throughout the world and more particularly from African countries to prove that another world is possible, a world that is more inclusive, more equitable and more unified for our collective well-being.

We thus invite you to join us from 1 to 6 May 2023 in Dakar, Senegal for a meeting of "giving and receiving" that will fly the SSE flag.



# KEY NUMBERS



**3-4,000  
participants**



**90 countries  
taking part**



**Members of  
national and local  
governments**



**More than  
100 exhibitors**



**B2B  
meetings**



**+ 80  
Conferences**

# EXHIBITORS

## Exhibitors' areas of interest

- Green economy, agroecological systems, food security and sovereignty, environmental conservation
- Blue economy, artisanal fishing, new blue economy jobs, social protection system for those involved in the blue economy
- Solidarity-based digital economy, mobility, connectivity, sustainable housing and transport, technological transition
- Public policies and bodies involved in governance of SSE companies
- Environment, sustainable development, recycling, green economy
- SSE innovations and research & development
- Political dialogue: central and local governments
- SSE ecosystem networks and alliances
- Decentralised cooperation, international development
- Social banking, finance and investment

- Insurance and social protection for SSE organisations
- SSE consultants and experts
- SSE and CSR
- SSE-related media, communication and marketing

## Types of exhibitor

- Local authorities, ministries, administrative bodies
- Cooperation and development institutions
- Banks, insurance companies
- Major companies, public bodies
- SMEs, VSBs, local development companies and start-ups
- Universities and research centres
- Engineering companies, design offices and consultants
- SSE-related professional associations, NGOs, etc

# INNOVATION VILLAGE OBJECTIVES

1°/ Promote exchange, sharing of experience and cooperation between those involved in the SSE

2°/ Capitalise upon and encourage local development initiatives emerging from the SSE in different territories

3°/ Develop new economic, political and institutional synergies to improve the integration of economies and peoples and create real social inclusion

4°/ Work together to find solutions to communities' problems and needs in terms of decent jobs and productivity

5°/ Promote exhibitors' proposed solutions on the basis of experience and knowledge from the various target sectors

6°/ Identify innovative support and financing mechanisms to help promote the SSE



# CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

More than 40 self-managed sessions covering the Forum's themes and major SSE development issues and prospects will be organised outside the official programme in order to share and capitalise upon successful experiences and initiatives in the field of SSE.

Around 50 individual sessions, plenary sessions, a ministers' panel, a mayors' panel, an experts' panel, special events (Youth and SSE Pre-forum, Women's Day for SSE, the SSE Integration Caravan), side-events organised by exhibitors and partners in order to share and capitalise upon experiences and to jointly shape a future for the SSE.



# FAIR VISITORS

The Fair is accessible to badge holders and to partners, institutions and officials carrying an invitation.

Targets: national and local governments, members SSE networks and alliances, technical and financial partners, NGOs, professional organisations from the blue, green and digital economies, academics, women's and young people's associations, private sector.

The Innovation Village will be open from 3 to 6 May 2023, on the esplanade between the GrandThéâtre and the Musée des Civilisations Noires for a meeting of "giving and receiving".

